The Historical Studies Area in the Department of Religion examines and explores the rich expressions of Christianity across a wide variety of cultures. Our students and top-tier faculty engage in rigorous research on significant figures, institutions, and movements in the history of world Christianity in a collegial environment.

**Primary Faculty**

*Carlos F. Cardoza-Orlandi* | Frederick E. Roach Professor of World Christianity: Dr. Cardoza-Orlandi’s area of research is the transmission, reception, and appropriation of the Christian faith with particular focus on the global south. He serves on the Editorial Board of *Missiology: An International Journal.*

*Elizabeth Flowers* | Associate Professor of American Religion: Dr. Flowers’ research focuses on American religious history, the history of evangelicalism, and women and gender in the history of Christianity. She serves on the editorial board of *Perspectives in Religious Studies* and as the Southwest Regional President of the American Academy of Religion.

*Doug Weaver* | Professor of Baptist Studies: Dr. Weaver’s research focuses on Baptist history and Pentecostalism. He serves as the Director of the J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies; Coordinator of the Baptist Studies Center for Research; and President of the Baptist History and Heritage Society.

*David Whitford* | Professor of Reformation Studies: Dr. Whitford’s research and writing explores the social, cultural, and political impact of the European Reformations of the sixteenth century. He serves as editor of *The Sixteenth Century Journal* and President of the Calvin Studies Society.

**Affiliated Faculty**

Beth Allison Barr (gender in medieval England), Brian Brewer (Anabaptists), Elesha J. Coffman (mainline Protestantism), Barry G. Hankins (American evangelicalism), Heidi J. Hornik (art history), Monique Ingalls (world church music), Philip Jenkins (global Christianity), Thomas S. Kidd (early American religion), Joseph Stubenrauch (religion in 19th-century Britain), Andrea Turpin (US women and gender)

**Recent Dissertation Topics**

- Female Pentecostal missionaries in the Middle East
- Brownsville Revival in Pensacola, Florida
- Black Protestants and lynching resistance
- Chivalric discourses among Anabaptists
- Reformation interpretations of Isaiah
- Religion and the supernatural in Münster
- John Calvin and the beatific vision
- Latin American political theology
- Global representations of female saints
Program Outline

Students take five semesters of coursework, including nine seminars with area faculty. In years three through five, students take preliminary exams, work on their dissertation, take part in a teaching colloquy, and have an opportunity to teach undergraduate classes. Students, along with all area faculty, participate in a weekly colloquium, discussing guided readings in classical and contemporary studies in the discipline.

Area Seminars

- World Christian Movement
- Christianity in Africa
- Christianity in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Medieval Christianity
- Continental Reformatations
- The English Reformation
- The Radical Reformation
- Baptist History
- American Religion
- Race and American Religion
- Gender and American Religion
- Pentecostalism
- Women and Gender in American Evangelicalism

Recent colloquium readings concentrated on theories of religion and global Pentecostalism, and future readings will engage in women and gender studies and world religions.

Why the Department of Religion at Baylor University?

The doctoral program in religion is more than fifty years old and is well situated to embrace and support the lively Christian commitments of Baylor University, a nationally ranked research institution and home to Institute for the Study of Religion and the Institute of Oral History. Baylor is located in Waco, Texas, an affordable, mid-sized city in the heart of Texas, with close proximity to Dallas and Austin.

The program ranks high in national assessments, especially in the research productivity of its faculty and its graduate students. The department offers competitive stipends, full tuition scholarships, and has seen good placement rates for PhD students. Small seminars and graduate assistantships with a variety of professors provide opportunities for valuable faculty-student mentorships. The Department of Religion also fosters a supportive environment where students can thrive and grow.

Funding

- Full tuition remission
- 50% subsidy in student fees
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